

US Strategy Report: 4th December 2015

The Day So Far

Slight rebound in some of the markets hit hardest by the ECB's disappointing showing yesterday. The policy moves announced certainly weren't insignificant, with a further 0.10% cut to the deposit rate and an extension of the QE programme, but investors reacted negatively purely because expectations had far outgrown what the ECB could reasonably have been expected to deliver. The euro soared 400 points versus the dollar as those heavily short the currency pair going to into the announcement on the prospect of 'Super' Mario delivering once again were forced to cover, while Stoxx fell 3.5% in cash markets. The carnage continued through the US session, S&P falling as much as 55 points on the day, while in the fixed income space the Bund and t notes felt the pain, the Bund experiencing its biggest single day sell-off of the year and t notes similarly hammered. This news is likely to outweigh the NFP release today unless the number is well outside the expected range.

The Afternoon View

A colossal week for economic data and newsflow ends with a bang today with the OPEC output release due this afternoon and the NFP release at 13:30 BST. Markets are looking for a 200k headline figure to go with last month's 271k beat and solidifying the case for the Fed to hike rates in 12 days time. It would take an extraordinarily bad (below 100k) to perhaps alter the Fed's intentions, while anything other than a big miss (looking out for prior revisions as well) and the dollar to reclaim some of the ground lost against major currency pairs yesterday although a return back to 1.05 handle in the euro/usd is highly unlikely at this stage with ECB disappointment still forefront in investors' minds. Equities will find it hard to lift as a good number bring the reality that the Fed hike is coming without the cushion of additional stimulus from the ECB, while a bad number, providing not too bad is unlikely to sway the Fed this month. T notes remain a sell, real damage done yesterday there even though it was largely led lower in correlated selling in the Bund. However, a really low number clouds the short case for the 10 year given that is will likely reduce the prospect of further aggressive hiking in Q1 2016 so they could see a bounce on a big miss. We are still bearish on crude, our 2nd target is above the \$40 handle but no production cut from OPEC and we could see a break of that key handle and a push towards the yearly lows.

Key Headlines

Market Sentiment: Bearish

- Iron ore slips to new 10 year low
- ECB failure to impress sends global equities reeling
- ECB's dovish Constancio "the markets got it wrong in forming their expectations." regarding the central bank's policy moves yesterday

Major Data Releases

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Data	Expected	Previous
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (Nov) M/M	200k	271k
Unemployment Rate	5.00%	5.00%
Average Hourly Earnings	0.20%	0.40%
Labour Force Participation Rate		62.40%



E-Mini S&P 500 (Dec'15) Futures: 4th December 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	2082.50
1 st Target	2062.75
2 nd Target	2040.00
Stop	2085.75

Key Levels	Comments	
2095.25	High of 3 rd	
2085.75	R1	
2082.50	Support on 27 th	
2062.75	Pivot	
2040.00	Yesterday's Low	

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EURUSD (Dec'15) Futures: 4th December 2015

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Entry	1.0983		
1 st Target	1.0901		
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Key Levels	Comments		
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US 10yr T-Notes (Dec'15) Futures: 4th December 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	126.075
1 st Target	125.280
2 nd Target	125.110
Stop	126.125

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Key Levels	Comments
126.145	R1
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125.285	Pivot
125.280	Today's High
125.110	Yesterday's Low

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Nymex WTI Crude Oil (Jan) Futures: 4th December 2015

Strategy	Short
Entry	42.01
1 st Target	41.04
2 nd Target	40.30
Stop	42.23

Key Levels	Comments
42.23	High of 1 st
42.01	R1
41.04	Pivot
40.30	S1
40.00	Handle Support
39.86	Distant Distant

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